

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES

May 10, 2007

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, Frankfort, KY on May 10, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Natalie Tinsley
Shara Page
Ruth Korzenborn
Susan Poston
Christianne Janes
Kerry Robertson

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jeff Boler, Board Administrator
Claude Wagner, Division Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS

Jim Grawe, Office of the Attorney General

Natalie Tinsley, board chair, called the meeting to order 9:10 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting were presented for the Board's review. Ruth Korzenborn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Christianne Janes, carried.

Financial Statements

The Board reviewed the financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2007, and March 31, 2007. Susan Poston made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion, seconded by Shara Page, carried.

Licensure Status Report

A licensure status report for the month of April 2007 was reviewed by the board. The report shows that there are 1602 Active OTs and 407 Active OTAs along with 373 OTs and 33 OTAs certified to practice Deep Physical Agent Modalities.

Approved Applications Report

The board reviewed a list of applications that were approved electronically during the month of April. Ruth Korzenborn made a motion to approve the applications as presented. The motion, seconded by Kerry Robertson, carried.

Director's Report

Mr. Wagner presented the board with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), and the Board of Occupational Therapy. This agreement would allow the board administrator to share licensee information with KHEAA, to assist them in collecting on defaulted student loans. After discussion, Kerry Robertson made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion, seconded by Susan Poston, carried.

Mr. Wagner presented the Board with a document outlining the security of the Division's FileNet imaging system. No action was taken nor required.

New Business

The board reviewed correspondence from Elizabeth Hunt, concerning several Occupational Therapy cases in the Jefferson County Public School system. After discussion, Kerry Robertson made a motion to treat this correspondence as a formal complaint, and send it to the respondent for a response. The motion, seconded by Christianne Janes, carried.

The board reviewed correspondence from Kimberly Robinson, concerning a low-vision that is being created in her facility. Ms. Robinson questioned the board on several issues, specifically, (1) Can a COTA perform low-vision adaptations after evaluated by the OTR/L, and the plan of care established? (2), Can a thirty day progress report be faxed to the referring physician or specialist to notify of the patient's progress? (3), Located in KAR 28:190, Section 2, stated in number 3 part 2, it states that the patient needs to be seen by referring physician or specialist at least every thirty days unless another time is justified. Could this include yearly or 6-months assessments if the physician is aware of the plan of care and updated every thirty days? (4), does the referring physician need to review the plan of care prior to the OTR/Ls second treatment after the evaluation is completed, or can the OTR/L begin treatment then update the physician every thirty days? (5), Overall, if they provide adaptive equipment and training with items such as magnifiers, tactile cues, and or changes in lighting, will they be practicing with in the Occupational Therapy scope of practice? Shara Page made a motion to send a response, stating that (1), practitioner must be a licensed Occupational Therapist, (2), there is no requirement in the regulations, (3) decision would be left up to the physician, (4) there are no requirements. It would be dependant upon the physician's order, and (5) be sure that this practice is within the plan of care. It should also be noted that the use of magnifiers, lenses, etc., is considered the practice of Optometry. Training and instruction is ok, but they may not recommend, prescribe, etc. The motion, seconded by Kerry Robertson, carried.

Shara Page made a motion to go into executive sessions to discuss complaints and pending legal matters. The motion, seconded by Kerry Robertson, carried.

New Complaints

The board reviewed the complaint for agency case #2007-01. After discussion, Kerry Robertson made a motion to open an investigation. The motion, seconded by Susan Poston, carried.

The board reviewed the complaint for agency case #2007-02. Natalie Tinsley made a motion to open an investigation. The motion, seconded by Christianne Janes, carried.

Shara Page made a motion to exit executive session. The motion, seconded by Kerry Robertson, carried.

Application Approval

Christianne Janes made a motion to approve the applications as presented. The motion, seconded by Shara Page, carried.

OT/L – Kaci Wilson, Kelly Leigers, Vanessa Halter

OT/L Reinstatement – Robin Simpson,

OTA – Angela Calvert

DPAM Application Approval

Christianne Janes made a motion to approve the DPAM applications as presented. The motion, seconded by Kerry Robertson, carried.

DPAM Specialty Certification: Mary Parker, Horace Evans, Rochelle Jones

DPAM Supervisors: Jeffrey Bullock

Continuing Education Approval

A motion was made by Ruth Korzenborn to approve requests of continuing education courses as reviewed for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Kerry Robertson carried.

Approved Courses:

1. Getting Kids In-Sync
2. Head Injury, the Brain, and Function Performance
3. Home Health Tomorrow: Where's the Patient?
4. Brain Injury Summit
5. Management of the Neurologically Involved Shoulder
6. Falls Risk Assessment and Prevention
7. Current Concepts: Assessing & Treating the Shoulder
8. Breaking the Chronic Wound Care Cycle
9. Geriatrics: How to Prevent Falls and Improve Function
10. Functional Assessment of the Elbow
11. Applied Hand Therapy Techniques

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by Christianne Janes to approve travel and per-diem for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Shara Page carried.

Adjournment

With all business completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy is scheduled to be held at 9:00 a.m. July 12, 2007 at the Division of Occupations and Professions, Frankfort, KY.

Approved by the Board.

Board Chair